

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:
providing a recording limited area on a recording medium that has a recording limit and is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed;
~~_____canceling a the recording limit for a the recording-limited area provided in a recording medium and which is recognized as an area in which recording is limited, but in which the recording limit is able to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed; and~~
recording new information in said recording-limited area after said canceling of the recording limit.
2. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

3. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.
4. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
providing pre-recorded information;
~~a step of, prior to the canceling of said recording limit,~~ issuing an instruction to record information to said recording medium prior to the canceling of said recording limit; and
~~a step of~~ issuing an instruction for reading the pre-recorded ~~displaying predetermined~~ information in response to ~~when~~ the recording instruction ~~has been being~~ issued.
5. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said ~~predetermined~~ pre-recorded information is an advertisement.
6. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said pre-recorded ~~predetermined~~ information is recorded in said recording medium.
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 4, further including displaying wherein said pre-recorded predetermined information is displayed via an external information distribution means.
9. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.
10. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing predetermined information in said recording-limited area.
11. (Currently Amended) A recording method of decrypting information, comprising the steps of:
- providing a recording limited area on a recording medium comprising a recording limited area which is recognized as an area in which recording is limited, but wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed that has a recording limit and is recognized as an area

in which recording of information cannot be performed, and wherein information about the position of said recording-limited area is in an encrypted form; ~~and~~

decrypting said information about the position that is in encrypted form by predetermined software; and

recording data on the recording medium including said recording limited area.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of decrypting information according to Claim 11, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a recording-limited area in the recording medium,

wherein the recording-limited area includes a recording limit and is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed~~such that the recording limited area is recognized as an area in which recording is limited~~, and

wherein the recording limit is configured to be able to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed after said recording limit is canceled.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

15. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 14,
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined information, and
wherein said predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at the same location.

16. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13,
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined information, and
wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

17. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, further including a step of
providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area ~~a portion~~ is recognized as defective, and
wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said recording limited area ~~portion~~ to be no longer recognized as defective.

18. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, further including a step of canceling said recording limit following an occurrence of a specified event.

19. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 18, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~decrypting information~~ according to Claim 11, further including a step of

providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area ~~a portion~~ is recognized as defective, and

wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~decrypting information~~ according to Claim 11, wherein said step of canceling the recording limit takes place after an occurrence of a specified event.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~decrypting information~~ according to Claim 21, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

23. (Currently Amended) A recording medium according to Claim 13, ~~further comprising~~
wherein the recording limit causes said recording limited area ~~a portion~~ of the recording
medium to be recognized as defective, and

wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled by causing said recording limited area
~~portion~~ to be no longer recognized as defective.

24. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the
recording limit is configured to be canceled in response to an occurrence of a specified event.

25. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein
said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

26. (New) A method of recording on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:
providing a recording limited area on a recording medium that has a recording limit and
is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed;
before permitting recording on the recording medium, playing back predetermined data
that has been pre-recorded on said recording medium;
after said playing back of the pre-recorded data at least once, canceling the recording
limit for the recording limited area so that recording of information in said recording-limited
area can be performed; and
recording information in said recording-limited area.

27. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

28. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.

29. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, further comprising displaying the predetermined data in said step of playing back the predetermined data, and then performing said recording step.

30. (New) A recording method according to Claim 29, wherein said predetermined data is an advertisement.

31. (New) A recording method according to Claim 29, wherein said displaying step displays said predetermined data via an external information distribution means.

32. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.

33. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing predetermined data in said recording-limited area.

34. (New) A method of recording on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:
before permitting recording on a recording medium, playing back pre-recorded data that has been pre-recorded in a recording limited area on said recording medium;
after said playing back of the pre-recorded data at least once, canceling a recording limit for the recording limited area so that recording of information in said recording-limited area can be performed,
wherein information about the position of said recording limited area is in an encrypted form; and
decrypting said information about the position that is in encrypted form using predetermined software; and

recording data on the recording medium including said recording limited area.

35. (New) A method of recording on a recording medium according to Claim 34, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

36. (New) A recording medium comprising:
a recording-limited area in the recording medium,
pre-recorded data recorded on said recording medium, and
the recording-limited area including a recording limit such that before permitting recording on the recording medium, playing back of the pre-recorded data is performed for at least a first time recording on the recording medium is attempted,
wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled after a predetermined number of times of playing back of the pre-recorded data so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed.

37. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 36, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

38. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 37,
wherein said predetermined data and said allocation information are recorded at the same location.
39. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 36,
wherein said predetermined data is an advertisement.
40. (New) A recording method according to Claim 26, further including a step of
providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and
wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.
41. (New) A method of recording information on a recording medium according to Claim 34, further including a step of
providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and
wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

42. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 36, further comprising
providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording
medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and
wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no
longer recognized as defective.